modified the Scheme. I have told already that from 35 years we have increased it to 45 years for the SC and ST people. We have reduced the educational qualification from 10th standard to 8th standard. We have increased the loan amount from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakhs. Such is the great improvement we have done.

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: You have not answered the last part.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I would like the hon. Finance Minister to understand about the Jawahar Roazgar Yojana, that he should also assess how many women have been identified under it because it should not remain that they are only concentrating on men. What percentage of employment has been generated for women in the various States? When you come back to the House, come with the figure. ...(*Interruptions*)

Now Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Implementation of Pay Commission Award

*182. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several States including Tripura have requested the Central Government to provide them compensation for implementing Pay Commission Award in their States in the wake of Central Government's decision to implement the 5th Pay Commission Award for its employees;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is aware that due to the implementation of the Pay Commission Awards in the States almost all the States are faced with ways and means problem; and

(d) whether the Central Government would provide such assistance to the States in order to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is enclosed. (See below)

(c) and (d) The State Governments have the discretion in the matter of determining the salary of their employees and it is not mandatory for them to adopt the Central pay scales. If the State Governments have implemented 5th Pay Commission's award for their employees, they may have to raise additional resources and re-orient the expenditure priorities as has been done by the Central Government, in order to cope with the situation. Government of India could not make any commitment to meet any part of the expenditure incurred on payment of salaries to State Government employees. However, the impact of implementation of higher pay scales could be projected by the State Government to the Eleventh Finance Commission who may consider it within its terms of reference.

Statement

Requests received from State Governments seeking additional financial assistance from the Central Government in connection with revision of the pay of their employees

S.No.	State	Request
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 1500 crores per annum as grant-in-aid.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 100 crores for the year 1998-99 as 50% outright grant and 50% Interest free loan.

S.No.	State	Request
3.	Assam	Rs. 700 crore per year upto the year 2000 as grant.
4.	Bihar	50% as grant of Rs. 8000 crore projected for the 9th five year plan on salary may be met by Govt. of India.
5.	Goa	Rs. 50 crores as Ways and Means Advance for the year 1997-98.
6.	Gujarat	Grant-in-aid to meet the extra burden in the range of Rs. 2000 crore to Rs. 2200 crore for the year 1997-98 including arrears and Rs. 800 crore—Rs. 1000 crore per annum thereafter.
7.	Haryana	Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 500 cr. as annual requirement and Rs. 1200 crore for the payment of arrears etc; modality may be worked out in a meeting of Chief Ministers.
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 800 crore as outright grant or 90% grant and 10% loan or as long term loan.
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	Rs. 50 crores as additional central assistance for 1996-97 and Rs. 800 crores as a additional central assistance for 1997-98.
10.	Karnataka	Rs. 1400 crore per annum, 50% of this amount may be provided as grant.
11.	Kerala	50% of additional annual requirements of Rs. 800 crore may be given by Govt. of India.
12.	Maharashtra	Rs. 5000 crore annum and Rs. 8000 crore by way of arrear.
13.	Manipur	Rs. 74 crore per annum and Rs. 112 crore for arrear payment in the shape of matching financial assistance.
14.	Meghalaya	Rs. 95 crore per annum and Rs. 155 crore for 1997-98 as grant-in-aid.
15.	Mizoram	50% of the additional monthly burden of Rs. 5 to 6 crore may be borne by the Central Government.
16.	Nagaland	Rs. 240 crores annually.
17.	Orissa	Annual liability would be around Rs. 700 crores for revision of pay scales of State Government's employees. Central Assistance for this may be provided.
18.	Punjab	50% of the additional annual burden of Rs. 660 crore may be borne by the Central Government.
19.	Rajasthan	Rs. 1200 crore annually in the shape of grant-in-aid/ interest free medium term loan/ways and means advance from RBI at 'zero' rate interest.
20.	Sikkim	Rs. 100 crore as Central assistance.
21.	Tripura	Rs. 350 crore for the year 1997-98 as special grant-in-aid.
22.	Tamilnadu	Additional resources of Rs. 2000 crore annually.

S.No.	State	Request
23.	Uttar Pradesh	Special central assistance to the extent of extra expenditure.
24.	West Bengal	50% of the additional burden of Rs. 2500 crore annually as grant from the Central Government.

Credit to Private Steel producing Companies

*185. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IDBI advanced any credit to the private steel producing companies during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any security was obtained from these companies for advancing the credit?

THE INISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. IDBI has reported that it has sanctioned loans aggregating Rs. 726 crore to six private sector steel producing companies in 1998-99.

(c) IDBI has reported that in line with its policy regarding sanctioning of such loans, appropriate securities are taken which include mortagage and first charge on all fixed assets of a company, and first charge on all present and future movable and immovable assets of the company.

Upgradation of Airports in the North Eastern Region

*186. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a task force is looking after the review/upgradation of North-East airports and aircraft; and

(b) if so, the progress/ recommendations made for modernisation of North-East airports/ aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. A Task Force with Secretary, Civil Aviation, as the Chairman and consisting of members from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Home Affairs, Airports Authority of India, Indian Airlines, North East Council and DGCA has been constituted to examine and make recommendations to facilitate improvement in airport infrastructure and airlinks in the North East Region.

(b) The Task Force in its first phase of inspection of the airports in the North East visited Silchar (Assam), Imphal (Manipur), Aizwal (Mizoram), Agartala (Tripura) during January, 1999. The other airports in the North-East will also be visited by the Task Force soon for making consolidated recommendations.

बैंक कर्मियों की हड़ताल के कारण हुआ नुकसान

*187. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 12 जनवरी, 1999 और 25 तथा 26 फरवरी, 1999 को भी देश भर में बैंक कर्मियों ने हड़ताल की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण थे तथा बैंक कर्मियों की मुख्य मांगें क्या थी;

(ग) उनकी मांगों के प्रति सरकार का दृष्टिकोण क्या है; और